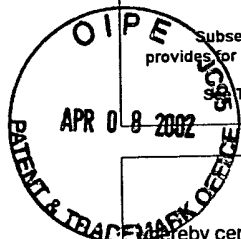


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Examiner Name	A. Marschel
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).



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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____

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- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement and Statement of Relatedness(IDS) & 9 references
- iv. ☒ Other RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____
- c. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.
- d. ☒ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: An extension of time is requested in the present and/or above-referenced parent application to provide for timely filing if an extension of time is still required after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered.

3. **Fees**



a. The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

☐ Large Entity \$

☒ Small Entity \$ 370

b. The fee for any additional claims has been calculated as follows:

	(Col. 1) Claims Remaining After Amendment	M I N U S	(Col. 2) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate			Additional Fee
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TOTAL								126
SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION (if applicable)								63

☒ Add'l Claims \$ 63

☒ Extension \$ 460

☐ Other \$

TOTAL \$ 893

☒ The Director is authorized to charge the following fees, debit any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (A-66828-1/RMS/DCF/SRN)

- ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) and any fees for additional claims
- ☒ Fees for additional claims
- ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and 1.17)
- ☐ Other

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